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SUBJECT: UNDP 25TH GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION - ITEM 17(C)
ON THE INTEGRATED SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (ISIP)

1. DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR BROWN AND ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
HEPPLING ON 13 JUNE ARRANGED AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE COUNTRIES WHO HAVE MADE A SPECIAL
CONTRIBUTION TO FINANCE ISIP (THE US ALSO WAS INVITED
TO THE MEETING) IN ORDER TO REVIEW WITH THEM THE PROBLEM
OF HOW TO FINANCE PHASE II OF THE PROJECT. THE
ADMINISTRATOR IS EXPECTED LATER THIS MONTH TO GIVE THE
GREEN LIGHT TO PROCEED WITH PHASE II.

2. THE ITEM IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED TO THE BUDGET
AND FINANCE COMMITTEE VERY SHORTLY AND THE UNDP SECRETAR-
IAT WISHED TO CONSULT IN ADVANCE REGARDING THE PROPOSAL
THEY PLAN TO MAKE TO THE COMMITTEE AS TO HOW TO FINANCE
AN ANTICIPATED SHORTFALL OF \$500,000 OUT OF THE TOTAL
PHASE II COST OF \$1,200,000. THE SECRETARIAT EXPECTS
TO ISSUE INVITATIONS TO BID ON PHASE II IN TIME TO PERMIT
ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION BY SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR.
THE PROBLEM IS THAT ONLY \$700,000 IS LEFT FROM PRIOR
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ISIP, LEAVING \$500,000
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UNCOVERED, \$250,000 IN EACH OF 1979 AND 1980.

3. THE SECRETARIAT WILL PROPOSE TO THE COMMITTEE THAT IT
BE AUTHORIZED: (A) TO PROCEED WITH PHASE II; (B) TO
SEEK SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PHASE II; AND (C) TO
INCREASE THE UNDP ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET IN 1979 AS NEEDED,
IN ORDER TO COVER ANY SHORTFALL IN THE COST OF \$1,200,000

WHICH CANNOT BE COVERED BY SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

4. THERE SEEMED TO BE A CONSENSUS AMONG THE DONOR REPRESENTATIVES AT THE INFORMAL MEETING (PARA ONE ABOVE) THAT: (A) IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO INSTITUTIONALIZE AND BROADEN SUPPORT FOR THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT BY INCREASING THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET; AND (B) THERE SHOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARIAT'S SEEKING ADDITIONAL SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, ALTHOUGH NO ONE THERE (EXCEPT POSSIBLY THE CANADIANS) GAVE ANY REASON TO EXPECT TO GIVE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR PHASE II.

5. UNLESS DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS, SUCH AS THE APPROPRIATENESS OF USING THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR COVERING PART OF THE COST OF IMPLEMENTING PHASE II WE WILL CONCUR IN THE SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION (PARA THREE ABOVE). VANDEN HEUVEL

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